

RW Meeting held 22 May 2000, 10-2

## AGENDA

1. Finalize MOU
  2. Discuss Expert Panel
  3. Status of RFP
  4. Establish agenda for Taskforce Meeting
  5. Fund state participation
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1. Action Items to finalizing draft MOU
    - Rick will revise the MOU by **30 May 00**
    - The RW will have a quick review and insertion to appendices (**6 June 00**)
    - Share MOU with attorneys, get timeline for their review, (COE who will sign the MOU?)
    - Share with Taskforce
    - Finalize
  2. Discussion of the Expert Panel
    - The scope and composition was discussed no decision yet, work on this item is on-going
  3. Status of RFP
    - Mark talked with the COE opened ended contractor
    - The contractor is agreeable to sub-contract to McClearen
    - **ACTION:** The RW needs to provide a recommendation to
      - a. Hold-off, re-write the RFP and advertise broadly, which would mean the contract would not be let until next year.
      - b. Use the COE open ended delivery order to use McClearen, maybe down scoping the work to assess nearshore transport.
      - c. We'd like to make a decision by 9 June.
    - Mark will be setting up discussions with both Curt Peterson-PSU, and George Kaminsky (George is out for a week)-WDOE for additional technical input, I think it would be good for Christine and Rick to be involved in those discussions
- This year it is proposed to get side-scan sonar and bathymetry for the Deep-Water site.  
**ACTION:** Is the RW in agreement?
4. Hold Taskforce Meeting on 8 June 00.
    - Due to the limited number of individuals that wanted to have a taskforce meeting to discuss the O&M for MCR this year, the proposal was to have Eric represent the RW and hold a taskforce meeting in Astoria. Eric talked to Dale Beasley, who agreed the O&M update didn't warrant a separate meeting. The plan now is to send out a written statement (below) to the taskforce and invite them to attend the O&M annual meeting on 12 June if they want to discuss it further.

May 24, 2000

### **MCR Dredging/Disposal Plan for 2000**

For the year 2000 dredging season at MCR we are assuming a typical dredging year at MCR, and expect to dredge around 4-5 million cubic yards. The work will be divided between the Corps of Engineers hopper dredge ESSAYONS and a contract hopper dredge. Dredged material will be placed at the site adjacent to the MCR north jetty described in public notice NWP-CO-CRA-F98-005 and in ocean disposal sites E, and F, as expanded in 1997. These are the only sites available for use at this time.

Site E and the north jetty site will be used to the maximum extent possible again this year, helping to keep material in the littoral zone and to protect the north jetty. The western 5,000 feet of expanded site E will not be used after August 15<sup>th</sup>. The quantity to be placed into these sites will be determined based on surveys to be conducted in early June to identify capacity. We will conduct hydrographic surveys at the sites throughout the dredging season again this year to monitor bathymetric changes and will also conduct surveys of the surrounding area. If we observe excessive accumulation which may contribute to undesirable wave impacts, or apparent infill to the Federal Navigation Channel we will take appropriate management actions. These actions could include modifying where, and how, material is placed into the sites or shifting disposal to one of the other available sites.

We do not believe that Site E and the north jetty site can safely accommodate all of the dredged material without potentially impacting small boat navigation. Therefore, it is likely that some material will have to be placed into Site F. If we use site F, the site will be divided into multiple cells and the material distributed between the cells to minimize mounding.

We have not completed our first survey of the MCR Entrance channel or disposal sites yet, due to delays in an engine overhaul on the survey boat. The repairs are currently scheduled to be completed on May 31<sup>st</sup>, and the boat will work in the river to ensure everything is working properly before going out on the bar. The MCR, Site E and north jetty site are the first priorities when things are working, and we hope to have them surveyed by the 8<sup>th</sup> of June. These surveys will give us our first indication of what the actual dredging needs will be and will also tell us the starting capacity at the dredged material disposal sites.

The ESSAYONS could start work at the project in early June, and the start date will be determined once we have surveys. It will work at MCR off and on throughout the summer depending on needs here and at other projects. The ESSAYONS will use both

the north jetty site and Site E, and will not use the north jetty site until at least June 13<sup>th</sup>, allowing crab fishermen using the site time to remove their gear.

The contract dredge is currently scheduled to start work on or around July 1<sup>st</sup>. Additional updates will be provided as the season develops.

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5. Funding state participation

- ODFW has requested consideration to fund their agency for participation on the taskforce.
- Christine and Laura have been discussing this with Dave Fox and Arlene Merems.
- The discussion progressed to ODFW discussing with WDFW the idea of sharing a contract biologist who would assist both state agencies review proposals from a resource management perspective for the states as well as participate on the taskforce. WDFW was not interested.
- I would suggest that we ask ODFW to submit a proposal to the RW for review and approval, using PED funds.